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LB 855, 1059A

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is, shall the veto on LB 1059A be overridden? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 2044 of the Legislative Journal.) 31 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President, on the motion that LB 1059A become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

PRESIDENT: The veto on LB 1059A is overridden. LB 855, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would move that LB 855 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, probably again an inopportune time to bring another veto override, but LB 855 has really been an issue that has been a crusade of mine since 1985 when we were in the midst of some economic recessions in this state. We went through a process of cutting budgets during the Kerrey administration during some special sessions and one of the programs, unfortunately, was repealed or funding was cut out was the funding for the Animal Damage Control Program. Now quite frankly, agriculture hasn't fared real well in this session as far as policy decisions that have an impact on agriculture and its producers, but this is one program that not only serves the Nebraska ag producer, whether it be a cattleman, a sheep grower, a wool grower, a pork producer, poultry grower, whatever might be. It also serves urban areas with their problems that they might have with rodents and other problems that do occur at airports, golf courses and so forth. So rather than get into a long litany of problems, I just simply say this is \$312,000 to fund a statewide enforcement program, the State of Nebraska has put no money in this program for the last almost five years and almost every year I brought a bill in. This is the second year in a row I've passed the bill and, again, for the second year in a row it has been vetoed. It is my hope at least that this minor amount might help fund a program that serves, I think, a very good public purpose in dealing with predator problems that do prey upon a lot of our livestock industry and poultry industry in this state, so I'd ask for the votes to override this veto.